

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MARKET DEVOLVEMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements made under various Tribal Co-operative Market Development Projects for the benefit of tribals during the last two years ;
- (b) whether these projects have benefited economically the tribal population; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBALAFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH) :

(a) to (c) The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), as an Apex level Co-operative society, has initiated a number of projects for the socio-economic development of scheduled tribes in the country during the last 2 years. These projects, aimed at skill up-gradation of the scheduled tribes and marketing development of their produce, include Dona Patta! Project, Conversion of Hill Grass into Broom, Honey Training cum demonstration programme for production of Agmark quality of Honey, Demonstration Project of cultivation and marketing of Safed Musli and Amla and Handicraft Development through Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY) for covering around 3114 scheduled tribes through out the country. In addition, to this TRIFED has helped around 5000 artisans from all over the country through its Tribes Shop, located at 9, Mahadev Road, New Delhi, by helping tribal artisans/organizations in realizing a better price for their items and assisting them adapting their products to urban markets.